

Amendment to the Specification

Replace page 12, paragraph 2, with:

As used herein the term "ligation independent cloning" is used in the conventional sense to refer to incorporation of a DNA molecule into a vector or chromosome without the use of kinases or ligases. Ligation independent cloning techniques are described, for instance, in Aslanidis and de Jong, (1991) Nucleic Acids Research 18:6069-6074 and ~~U.S. patent application Ser. No. 07/847,298.~~